

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?
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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

What has been my relationship to the Bible? Where is it today? What are the hurdles to my engagement with this book? Who has helped me find meaning and joy in my relationship to the bible and who has made it more difficult?

Are there stories I know from the Bible that feel like they are part of my story too? Are there characters or ideas and or events that I find match my own life experience in some way?

How, or when, have I felt that the Bible itself open a doorway to understanding and faith in my life? Have I seen this in others?

What attitude or expectation do I bring to the Bible as I listen to it or read it?

Prayer for the week:

Dear Holy One – I want a richer, more connected, more fulfilling life. I know there are many obstacles to that. Open my heart and my eyes to see that I am not alone in this desire. Open my heart to see my story, in some way, written on the pages of the ancient words and stories of the Bible. If I cannot understand the whole of the Bible, I do pray that this week I might connect more deeply with at least one story, one person, one event. Help me to trust your presence more fully on this journey of mine. Amen.